

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application. The present status of each claim is indicated in parentheses following the claim number. An instruction line precedes each claim that is amended, cancelled, or added by the instant paper.

Please **cancel** claims 1-2 without prejudice.

1-2 (Cancelled)

Please **amend** claim 3 as follows:

~~3.~~ (Currently Amended) An expression vector  
~~comprising~~comprising:

a recombinant vaccinia virus having an E3L gene

(a) having a deletion of the region encoding  
amino acids 1-54 of the E3L gene ~~product and~~  
~~further comprising~~ product and

(b) encoding a protein that binds dsRNA; and

exogenous DNA ~~operably linked to and~~ regulatory  
elements ~~that control expression thereof~~ operably  
linked thereto.

Please **cancel** claims 4-6 without prejudice.

4-6 (Cancelled)

2 ~~7~~. (Original) A composition comprising the vector of  
claim ~~3~~ and a carrier.

Please **cancel** claim 8 without prejudice.

8. (Cancelled)

Please **amend** claim 9 as follows:

3 ~~9~~. (Currently Amended) A method of making a recombinant  
gene product ~~comprising~~ comprising:

subjecting an expression vector

~~comprising~~ comprising:

a recombinant vaccinia virus having an E3L gene

(a) having a deletion of the region encoding  
amino acids 1-54 of the E3L gene product and  
~~wherein said vector further comprises~~

(b) encoding a protein that binds dsRNA; and

exogenous DNA that encodes said recombinant gene  
product ~~operably linked to~~ and regulatory  
elements ~~that control expression~~  
~~thereof~~ operably linked thereto,

to conditions whereby said recombinant gene product  
is expressed.

<sup>4</sup>  
~~10.~~ (Original) The method of claim <sup>3</sup>~~9~~ further comprising  
recovering said recombinant gene product.

<sup>5</sup>  
~~11.~~ (Original) The method of claim <sup>3</sup>~~9~~ wherein said  
recombinant gene product is an antigen.